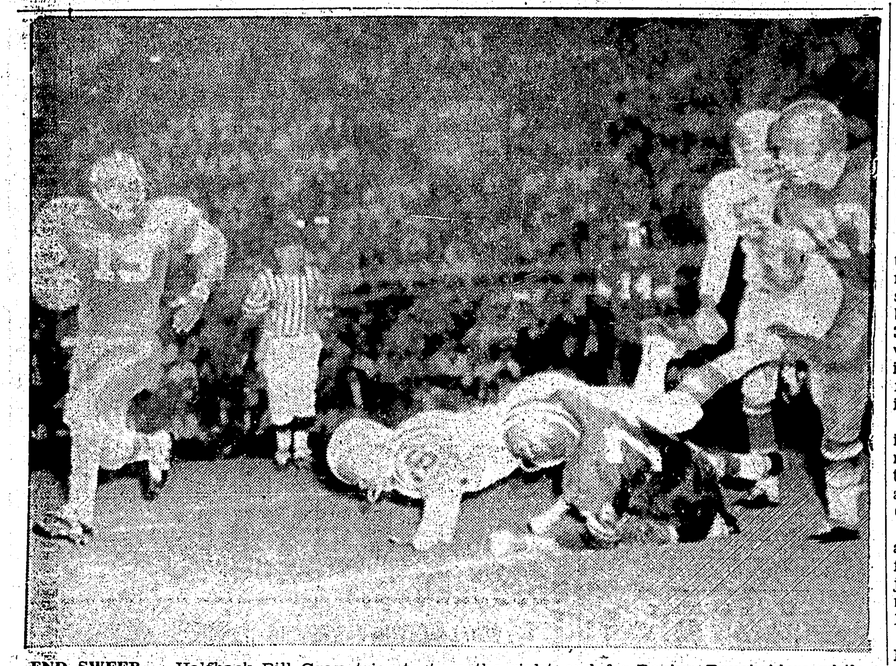
Lions suspend coach Robinson



END SWEEP — Halfback Bill Gray tries to turn the right end for Regina Roughriders while blockers reduced Montreal Alouettes tackling force in a Canadian Football League game in Montreal. Regina came through with a narrow 16-15 win. — CP Wirephoto

Dave Skrien takes over duties

VANCOUVER (CP) — British Columbia Lions have ditched coach Wayne Robinson in an effort to dig themselves out of the Western Football Conference cellar.

After six hours of meetings the club announced Monday night that Robinson, 31, was suspended and his duties would be taken over by Dave Skrien, 32-year-old backfield coach who was the first man hired by Robinson when he joined the team from Winnipeg Blue Bombers in 1959.

Skrien, who played with Robinson on the University of Minnesota team in 1949 and 1950, takes over from his former boss as the youngest coach in the Canadian Football League.

Robinson recommended Skrien as his successor. Skrien, the fifth Lions coach since the team joined the league in 1954, announced that former halfback Ed Vereb will be backfield coach.

The club directors, who gave Robinson a vote of confidence after Lions' close 21-20 defeat by Edmonton Eskimos August 28, acted quickly after Saturday's 35-17 shellacking by Calgary Stampeders.

HAD LONG SESSION

The club executive met for 2½ hours then the directors gathered for four hours before casting a secret ballot in favor of the suspension.

At the end of the directors' meeting vice - president Alan Eyre released a brief statement that said Robinson was suspended and Skrien appointed.

Lions, who have been in the western playoffs once since they were formed in 1954, have tied one and lost six in seven games this season. The dismal showing resulted in a growing clamor for some action.

Eyre told the reporters the announcement means that Robinson has been relieved of his duties.

"Technically, he is still in the employ of the club," he said.

"This move will lead to negotiations on his future with the ball club."

Robinson's four-year contract, which has 2½ years to go, is reported to be $20,000 a year. It is not known what Skrien will receive.

REFUSED TO RESIGN

Henderson told reporters that Robinson, who took his dismissal hard, refused twice Monday to resign.

"When the possibility of his being dropped became apparent, he was the first to suggest Skrien," Henderson said.

Skrien was defensive backfielder for the Saskatchewan Roughriders and Winnipeg Blue Bombers in 1953. He was backfield coach at Ball State Teachers College at Muncie, Ind., in 1956 and spent the next two years as assistant backfield coach at Minnesota. His only previous coaching experience was with Minnesota High School in 1955.

Robinson, who was assistant to coach Bud Grant at Winnipeg, brought him to Vancouver with him. Robinson came here to replace Dan Edwards who had been hired in mid-season the year before to replace Clem Crowe. Crowe replaced Annis Stukus who was the first B.C. coach.

Robinson said he thinks the team will react favorably to a change.

Skrien, who has a masters degree in education, was asked if he always wanted to be head coach.

"Always," he replied, "but not this way."

Vereb, cut by Lions Sunday, served two years with the Lions and played one with Washington Redskins of the National Football League. He returned here this year.

PLAYER WANTS JOB

VANCOUVER (CP) — Vancouver Canucks centre Larry Popein says he will remain with the Western Hockey League team if he can find an outside job with a future in Vancouver.

Los Angeles making effort to catch high-flying Cincinnati

By MIKE RATHET
Associated Press Staff Writer

Los Angeles Dodgers, trying to hop off a treadmill in a scramble with the leading Cincinnati Reds for the National League pennant, have received a shove in the right direction from a .250 hitter named Gordon Windhorn.

Windhorn smashed a pinch-hit home run leading off the 11th inning that beat Philadelphia Phillies 6-5 Monday night and moved the second-place Dodgers to within 3½ games of the Reds.

Windhorn's game-winner also snapped the Dodgers' three-game losing streak.

The fourth-place San Francisco Giants gained ground on the third - place Milwaukee Braves by beating Pittsburgh Pirates 4-3 in 10 innings on Felipe Alou's homer while the Braves were losing 4-1 to St. Louis Cardinals.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Make it seven for Mickey Mantle, add another for the New York Yankees' charmed digit, and that's the situation as the chase for Babe Ruth's home run record and the American League pennant resumes tonight.

After a one-day respite, Maris and Mantle move into Chicago with 10 games in an eight-day period remaining in which to tie or surpass Ruth's homer record of 60 under the 154-decision allotment decreed by baseball commissioner Ford Frick.

The Yankees, riding a 12-game winning streak, and the Tigers sat things out Monday. In the only games played, Boston Red Sox walloped Washington Senators 14-4 and Minnesota Twins beat Los Angeles Angels 5-2.

Tiger-Cats claw Esks

HAMILTON, Ont. (CP) — Edmonton Eskimos, runaway leaders of the Western Football Conference, got out of the east today bloody and bowed from a horrible mauling by the rejuvenated Hamilton Tiger-Cats and Bernie Faloney, the Maryland magic man who at one time was an idol of Eskimo fans.

The Eskimos, unbeaten in seven previous Canadian Football League games and tabbed by experts as the western club most likely to make it to the Grey Cup final, dropped a 32-15 decision to the Tiger-Cats before a record Hamilton crowd of 27,646 at Civic Stadium Monday night.

That told only part of the story. The Eskimos returned home with a flock of walking wounded—halfback Bobby Walden with a badly - injured toe, fullback Mike Lashuk with a sore shoulder, pass-catching end Jim Letcavits with an injured ankle and Bill Smith, another offensive end with knee miseries.

The pride also was badly hurt. They came to town with a 7-0 won-lost record, including a 35-26 victory over the Grey Cup champion Ottawa Rough Riders, and with a reputation as a hard-hitting, fast-striking club.

OC SOCCER

LONDON (Reuters) — Results of soccer games played in the United Kingdom Monday:

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP
First Round

Bristol R 2; Hartlepools 1.
Darlington 0; Rotherham 1.
Hull City 4; Bradford 2.
Ipswich 4; Man. City 2.
Mansfield 5; Exeter 2.
Newport 0; Shrewsbury 0.
Notts F 4; Gillingham 1.
Peterborough 1; Blackburn 3.
Stockport 0; Leyton Or 1.
Watford 3; Halifax 0.
West Ham 2; Plymouth 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE
Second Division

Stenhousemuir 4; Forfar 3.

Puck meeting tonight

There will be a general meeting of the Prince Rupert Floor Hockey Association at 8 tonight at the Civic Centre.

It is important that all those interested in any aspect of the game for the coming season attend tonight's meeting.

Election of officers and a discussion of the season's plans will take place.

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Shuttle season set to begin

The 1961-62 badminton season opens at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Civic Centre.

Civic Centre Badminton Club officials have issued a special welcome to all newcomers to the game to attend the opening night.

All regular players are urged to attend as well.

This season promises to be one of the best yet, officials stated.

Last Night's Fights

San Francisco (AP) — Sixto Rodriguez, 178, San Leandro, Calif., outpointed Carl (Bobo) Olson, 178, San Francisco, (10).

Miami, Fla. (AP)—Vince Bonomo, 149, New Orleans, and Al Taylor, 152, Nassau, drew (8).

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Two shutouts in Little League soccer action

Shutouts were the order of the day last Sunday in Little League soccer action at Algoma Park.

Chieftains blanked Athletics 1-0 in the first game while Volkswagons downed Legionaires 2-0 in the second contest.

Chieftains had many scoring opportunities but a strong defence by the Athletics held them to only one goal. Both defences came through with solid performances.

STANDINGS

	W	L	GF	GA	Pts
Volkswagons	2	0	3	0	4
Legionaires	1	1	2	3	2
Chieftains	1	1	2	2	2
Athletics	0	2	0	2	0

The Chieftain crew scored the game's lone goal when inside forward Gerald Markham took a pass from right winger Andy Mercer and broke through on his own. He made no mistake as he crashed the ball into the roof of the net.

A powerful defence by Volkswagons halted every offensive drive by Legionaires.

Hank Van Tankeren scored the first goal after a sharp running play by right winger Jim Ciccone.

Later Ciccone stole the ball from Legionaires' strong full back Doug Guyatt and scored a picture goal from about 20 yards out.

Legionaires came close to scoring only once when Sven Rasmussen blasted a 20-yard free kick just over the bar.

LEAGUE FINISHED

VERNON (CP) — Playing Coach Eddie Lowe of Vernon Canadians says the Okanagan senior amateur hockey league is finished.

Norburns lead in cup play

The faster, rougher west coast style of lacrosse helped Vancouver Norburns to a 13-11 victory over Hastings Legionnaires in the opening game of the Minto Cup finals Monday night.

Second game of the best-of-seven series for the Canadian junior championship will be played here Wednesday night.

The Vancouver team got away to a shaky start, but seemed to get stronger while the Hastings crew gradually faded. In the final 15 minutes the tiring Legionnaires were outscored 5-3.

Lacrosse win

VANCOUVER (CP) — Vancouver Carlings scored three goals in 56 seconds Monday as they coasted to an easy 15-11 victory over New Westminster O'Keefes to take a commanding 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven Inter-City Lacrosse League final. A crowd of 2,650 saw Carlings score nine goals in the first quarter. Fifth game will be played Wednesday at New Westminster with the sixth, if necessary here Friday night.

LONG PASS — Halfback Ernie White misses a long pass from Ottawa Rough Rider quarterback Russ Jackson during Canadian Football League action in Ottawa Saturday. Rollie Miles (18) of Edmonton Eskimos defends on the pass while Ottawa end Bob Simpson (70) makes a futile leap. Eskimos won the game 35-26. — CP Photo

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